

THROUGH THE STATE.
SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT FOR
THE DAVIS MONUMENT FUND.

Singular Accident and Narrow Escape of a Lady from Death—Timber-Land Purchase—Bridge Bonds Called In—Personal.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., January 17.—(Special.)—The entertainment given last night under the auspices of R. S. Chew Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, for the benefit of the Davis monument fund, was a great success, both artistically and financially. Quite a nice sum for the patriotic cause was realized. Many tickets were sold in Richmond, and but for other engagements a goodly number of her citizens would have been present.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.
Miss Fannie Griffin, daughter of Mr. Samuel H. Griffin, living at Griffin's Store, in Stafford county, had a narrow escape from death a few days ago under very peculiar circumstances. In reaching over to take from the well a bucket of water she had just drawn up she pitched headfirst into the water to a depth of some seventy feet. Mr. J. L. Carter, a near-by neighbor, saw her fall, and realizing that she must act quickly if the young lady was rescued alive, at once descended into the well by means of the chain and the projecting rocks of the well. Miss Griffin was discovered in an almost unconscious condition, clinging to rocks, with her head just above the water. A rope was placed around the young lady under her arms, and she was carefully drawn out. She was completely exhausted from her hour's stay in her dangerous and uncomfortable position. Physicians were summoned, and after two hours she was pronounced out of danger. The well had six or eight feet of water in it, and she was withal, some six inches from the bottom, and Miss Griffin's descent without striking any of them is almost a miracle.

TIMBER-LAND PURCHASE.
Major W. S. Embury, of this city, has just purchased, on private terms, a large body of land, with the timber thereon, situated near Chancellorsville, in Spotsylvania county. It contains 985 acres, and has 10,000 railroad ties on it, besides a large lot of saw-lumber and choice walnut.

Mrs. G. W. Jacobs died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. J. W. Jennings, near Kelly's Ford, Culpeper county, this morning, aged 71 years. Mrs. Jacobs was the mother of Mr. W. Judson Jacobs, a prominent citizen of Stafford county, and chairman of the Democratic party of the county. He is extensively engaged in the lumber business in this section.

Miss Lula Young, of this city, left this morning on an extended visit to friends in Baltimore and Philadelphia. Mr. Pat. Estes, president of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, is visiting the family of Dr. H. M. D. Martin here.

The stockholders of the National Bank of this city held their annual meeting yesterday and selected directors for the ensuing year. The directors then met and elected the following officers: C. W. Wallace, president; J. A. Taylor, cashier; C. C. Carmichael, book-keeper, and H. D. Scott, teller. The board of directors, at the instance of the Bridge Commissioners, yesterday called in the \$24,000 worth of bridge-bonds issued by that county, and the interest, and will be replaced by a like amount at 5 per cent. interest. It is said that the Bridge Commissioners have already secured parties to take the whole issue at the reduced rate.

STANTON.
Bank's Name Changed—Personals and Briefs.

STANTON, VA., January 17.—(Special.)—The stockholders of the Stanton Savings Bank yesterday elected Postmaster William T. McCue president, Vice A. C. Gordon, who declined reelection, and John T. Harman was made vice-president, and the former directors and other officers were re-elected. The name of the bank was changed, after February 1st will be known as the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Stanton.

In answer to a special request, the Rev. J. H. Boyd, D. D., will deliver in the Methodist church, of which he is pastor, a sermon on Odd-Fellowship, at the Lodge, No. 110, L. O. O. F., on January 25th.

The Stanton lodge will attend in a body, and there will be present delegations of Odd-Fellows from Goshen, Mt. Sidney, and Basic City.

Hon. Harry C. George Tucker, who for a fortnight past has been confined to his home here by an attack of tonsillitis and an affection of the eyes, left this morning for Washington. He was accompanied to Congress by his private secretary, Mr. C. H. Hume.

John Weaver, who was accidentally shot with a pistol in the hands of a man at Mt. Croft and killed, was buried here, and his body was taken to his home in the morning. The deceased was 25 years old, and leaves a young wife.

GOLDEN WEDDING.
Mr. and Mrs. Gentry Celebrate 50th Anniversary of Their Marriage.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., January 17.—(Special.)—One of the most enjoyable and delightful events that ever took place in this county was the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gentry. It occurred last Wednesday at "Mountain Home," the handsome residence of the "bride and groom" at Crozet. The festivities began at 10 o'clock in the morning, and lasted until late in the night. In the morning a beautiful dinner was served to the older friends of the bride and groom, and the guests were seated at the table. Mrs. C. Gentry presented a handsome gold watch and chain to her husband, and a few choice words, she explained was a gift from the "groom." "May thy brightness and beauty," said Mrs. Rothwell, "never act as a magic charm to keep thee closer two lives that for fifty years have been so beautifully blended." Mr. and Mrs. Gentry were the recipients of many other handsome presents, among them \$4 in gold.

In the evening the house was turned over to the young people, and the time was spent very delightfully in playing games, singing, conversation, etc. The magnificent supper was served, and great shipwreck for Mr. Gentry is a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer, and his many friends wish him and his lovely wife many happy returns of the day.

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Died from the Effects of His Injuries—Reported for Duty.

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Assistant Naval Constructor J. E. McDonald, who was recently assigned to the Newport News ship-yard, reported for duty under Naval-Constructor Woodward yesterday.

Passed-Assistant-Inspector W. M. Parks, who has been connected with the government department of the navy, has been detached and ordered to duty at the Columbian Iron-Works, at Baltimore. He left for the Monumental City this morning.

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